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## Building Newsletter 3-6

### Carports

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes  
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#### I. Definition of Carport

A carport is a covered motor vehicle parking structure accessory to Group R, Division 3 Occupancies (single family dwellings and duplexes). The carport structure shall also meet the following four (4) criteria:

1. Shall be only one story in height.
2. Shall be entirely open on two or more sides except for structural supports.
3. Shall be limited in area to 1000 square feet.

4. Shall have no enclosed uses above the carport.

Covered parking areas accessory to R-3 Occupancies but not meeting the definition of a carport will be classified as Group U, Division 1 Occupancies and must comply with all applicable Code sections.

#### II. Occupancy Separation Requirements

No occupancy separation need be provided between an R-3 Occupancy and a carport per Section 302.1, Exception 3 of the Uniform Building Code.